

IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANTS: Karl BARTH CONFIRMATION NO.: 8331
SERIAL NO.: 10/721,936 GROUP ART UNIT: 2621
FILED: November 25, 2003
TITLE: "METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN IMAGE"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,891,030

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA was cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Form 1449 is submitted herewith, on which Reference AA is listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

In the event that this Information Disclosure Statement crosses in the mail with a first Office Action, this Information Disclosure Statement is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that Reference AA was first cited in a communication from a

foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AA, taken alone or in combination with the previously-submitted reference. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

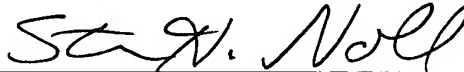
Submitted by,

 (Reg. 28,982)

SCHIFF, HARDIN LLP
CUSTOMER NO. 26574
Patent Department
6600 Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312/258-5790
Attorneys for Applicants.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on January 9, 2006.



STEVEN H. NOLL



Sheet 1 of 1

Form PTO-1449

Docket No.

P03,0445

Serial No.

10/721,936

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION

(use several sheets if necessary)

Applicant
Karl BARTHFiling Date
November 25, 2003Group Art Unit
2621

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	5,891,030	04/06/99	Johnson et al.			
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							
	AQ							
	AR							
	AS							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AT	
	AU'	
	AV'	
	AW'	
	AX'	
	AY	
	AZ	

Examiner

Date Considered

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.